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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 June 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-22 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-22 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

1. ***Claims 1-7, 9, 11-16 and 18-22*** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nagendran (U.S. Patent Number 6,731,940 B1) in view of Brody et al. (U.S. Patent Number 4,670,899) in view of Larsson et al. (U.S. Patent Number 6,643,307) in further view of Cardina et al. (U.S. Patent Publication Number 20060161626 A1).

Regarding ***claim 1***, Nagendran discloses, a method for providing base station (10), which reads on claimed "entry node", location information to a service provider, as referenced in column 5 line 49, in a wireless telecommunication system, comprising the steps of:

- receiving from the wireless device a radio frequency acknowledgement to the said wireless entry node. See column 5 lines 33-35. See column 4 lines 55-67 and column 5 lines 1-22.

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- sending a request for information, which reads on claimed "subscriber data packet," from a mobile device (11) to a wireless telecommunications system's said base station (10). See column 5 lines 33-35;
- forwarding resource identification information for the said base station (10) to the service provider. See column 5 lines 35-50; and
- wherein the location of the said base station (10) based on the resource identification information from the said base station (10). See column 5 lines 43-55.

However, Nagendran fails to clearly disclose extracting resource identification information from call record data associated with the wireless billing system.

Brody teaches in column 13 lines 37-45 of a LBSTATUS table (80), which reads on claimed "call record data," including resource identification information on the cell site. As well as sending the said LBSTATUS table (80) and a said subscriber data packet from a said base station to a MTX, which reads on claimed "mobile switch." See column 14 lines 22-37.

Therefore, at the time of the invention it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skilled in the art to modify the teachings of Nagendran (U.S. Patent Number 6,731,940 B1) in view of Brody et al. (U.S. Patent Number 4,670,899) in order to provide the system a means of extracting said resource identification information to efficiently monitor and control the subscriber within a designated cell site.

The combination fails to specifically state that a frequency acknowledgement is sent from the said mobile device to the said entry node.

Larsson et al. discloses in column 10 lines 44-51 wherein the mobile station send and acknowledgement to the said base station in response to the base station sending a page to the said MS.

Therefore at the time of the invention it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skilled in the art to modify the teachings of Nagendran (U.S. Patent Number 6,731,940 B1) in and Brody et al. (U.S. Patent Number 4,670,899) to further include Larsson et al. (U.S. Patent Number 6,643,307) in order recognized that in response to the entry node sending information to the said mobile device, the mobile device sends an acknowledgement message back to the said entry node acknowledging the fact that the device is ready to communicate.

However, the combination fails to clearly disclose whereby identification information is extracting the location of the entry node from the resource identification information without querying a database in communication with the entry node, the database storing location information.

Cardina et al. discloses in paragraph [0171], whereby availability information, which reads on claim "location information," is obtained without querying that HLR, which reads on claim "database."

Therefore at the time of the invention it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skilled in the art to modify the teachings of the combination to further include Cardina et al. in order to provide the location of a mobile in the received information without querying a database.

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Regarding **claim 2**, as the combination of Nagendran , Brody, Larsson et al. and Cardina et al. are made, the combination according to **claim 1**, Nagendran further discloses a method comprising the step of determining the number of service provider subscribers operating in the location of the said base station (10). See column 6 lines 42-49.

Regarding **claim 3**, as the combination of Nagendran , Brody, Larsson et al. and Cardina et al. are made, the combination according to **claim 2**, Nagendran further teaches of step of modifying data transmitted to the subscribers to reduce overburdening components of the telecommunications system based on the number of the subscribers operating in the location of the base station (10). See column 2 lines 21-25 and lines 40-42.

Regarding **claim 4**, as the combination of Nagendran , Brody, Larsson et al. and Cardina et al. are made, the combination according to **claim 3**, Nagendran discloses the step wherein modifying the data further comprises altering the frequency, volume and content of data transmitted to the subscribers based on the number of the subscribers operating in the location of the base station (10). See column 2 lines 21-25.

Regarding **claim 5**, as the combination of Nagendran , Brody, Larsson et al. and Cardina et al. are made, the combination according to **claim 1**, Nagendran discloses the step of sending said base station (10) information to the service provider

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subscribers operating in the location of the said base station (10). See column 2 lines 26-43 and lines 61-66.

Regarding **claim 6**, as the combination of Nagendran , Brody, Larsson et al. and Cardina et al. are made, the combination according to **claim 5**, Nagendran discloses the step of sending the said base station (10) location information to the service provider subscribers includes sending commercial and non-commercial information related to an area covered by the said base station (10). See column 2 lines 40-66.

Regarding **claim 7**, as the combination of Nagendran , Brody, Larsson et al. and Cardina et al. are made, the combination according to **claim 1**, Nagendran discloses a step further comprising the step of sending the said base station (10) location information to a third party subscriber of the location information on the operators of the said mobile device (11) located within a service area of the said wireless communication system said base station (10). See column 4 lines 11-25.

Regarding **claim 11**, as the combination of Nagendran , Brody, Larsson et al. and Cardina et al. are made, the combination according to **claim 1**, Nagendran discloses a step of determining the location of the said base station based on the resource identification information from the said base station, further includes querying an entry node database for the location of the said base station (10) based on the resource information. See column 5 lines 57-64.

Regarding **claim 12**, as the combination of Nagendran , Brody, Larsson et al. and Cardina et al. are made, the combination according to **claim 1**, Nagendran discloses a step in column 5 lines 39-50 wherein, the determination of the said base station (10) based on the said information from the said base station (10) further includes extracting the said location of the said base station (10) from the said information from the mobile station (11).

Regarding **claim 13**, Nagendran discloses a system for providing base station (10) location information to a service provider in a wireless telecommunication system, comprising:

- a mobile device (11) operative to send request information to a wireless telecommunications system said base station (10). See column 5 lines 33-35 receiving a service provider data packet from the service provider at a wireless device. Although Nagendran does not specifically state that a data packet is received at a mobile device (11) from a said service provider, it is inherent in the area of Cellular Communications that when a mobile device is in the active state, the service provider recognizes the mobile device's (11) presence by sending out signals to the said mobile device. Therefore, as evidenced by the fact that one of ordinary skill in the art would have recognized that due to the response of the mobile device (11) by sending a data packet to the entry node, a previous step of receiving a packet from the service provider would have occurred prior. See column 4 lines

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55-67 and column 5 lines 1-22. As well as receiving a service provider data packet from the service provider as a said mobile device (11). See column 5 lines 57-64;

- a mobile switch operative to send resource identification information for the entry node to the service provider. See column 5 lines 43-45.
- a service provider operative to determine the location of the said base station (10) on the resource information from the said base station (10). See column 5 lines 43-45.

However, Nagendran fails to clearly disclose extracting resource identification information from call record data associated with the wireless billing system.

Brody teaches in column 13 lines 37-45 of a LBSTATUS table (80), which reads on claimed "call record data," including resource identification information on the cell site. As well as sending the said LBSTATUS table (80) and a said subscriber data packet from a said base station to a MTX, which reads on claimed "mobile switch." See column 14 lines 22-37.

Therefore, at the time of the invention it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skilled in the art to modify the teachings of Nagendran (U.S. Patent Number 6,731,940 B1) in view of Brody et al. (U.S. Patent Number 4,670,899) in order to provide the system a means of extracting said resource identification information to efficiently monitor and control the subscriber within a designated cell site.

However, the combination fails to specifically state that a frequency acknowledgement is sent from the said mobile device to the said entry node.

Larsson et al. discloses in column 10 lines 44-51 wherein the mobile station send and acknowledgement to the said base station in response to the base station sending a page to the said MS.

Therefore at the time of the invention it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skilled in the art to modify the teachings of Nagendran (U.S. Patent Number 6,731,940 B1) in and Brody et al. (U.S. Patent Number 4,670,899) to further include Larsson et al. (U.S. Patent Number 6,643,307) in order recognized that in response to the entry node sending information to the said mobile device, the mobile device sends an acknowledgement message back to the said entry node acknowledging the fact that the device is ready to communicate.

However, the combination fails to clearly disclose whereby identification information is extracting the location of the entry node from the resource identification information without querying a database in communication with the entry node, the database storing location information.

Cardina et al. discloses in paragraph [0171], whereby availability information, which reads on claim "location information," is obtained without querying that HLR, which reads on claim "database."

Therefore at the time of the invention it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skilled in the art to modify the teachings of the combination to further include Cardina et al. in order to provide the location of a mobile in the received information without querying a database.

Regarding **claim 14**, as the combination of Nagendran , Brody, Larsson et al. and Cardina et al. are made, the combination according to **claim 13**, Nagendran disclose whereby the service provider is further operative:

- to determine the number of service provider subscribers operating in the location of the said base station (10). See column 6 lines 42-49.
- to modify data transmitted to the subscribers to reduce overburdening components of the telecommunications system based on the number of the subscribers operating in the location of the said base station (10). See column 2 lines 21-25 and lines 40-42.

Regarding **claim 15**, as the combination of Nagendran , Brody, Larsson et al. and Cardina et al. are made, the combination according to **claim 14**, Nagendran discloses wherein service provider is further operative:

- to modify the frequency, speed, volume and content of data transmitted to the subscribers based on the number of the subscribers operating in the location of the system's said base station (10). See column 2 lines 21-25.

Regarding **claim 16**, as the combination of Nagendran , Brody, Larsson et al. and Cardina et al. are made, the combination according to **claim 13**, Nagendran discloses whereby the service provider is further operative to send base station (10) location

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information to service provider subscribers operating in the location of the system's said base station (10). See column 2 lines 26-43 and lines 61-66.

Regarding **claims 9 and 18**, as the combination of Nagendran , Brody, Larsson et al. and Cardina et al. are made, the combination according to **claims 8 and 13**, Nagendran discloses a step of sending subscriber information from a said mobile device (11) to a wireless communication system said base station (10) further includes sending a radio frequency acknowledgement from the said mobile device to the said wireless communication said base station (10). See column 4 lines 55-67 and column 5 lines 1-22.

However, Nagendran fails to clearly disclose wherein creating a traffic log including resource identification information on the entry node and sending the traffic log and the subscriber data packet to a mobile switch.

Brody teaches in column 13 lines 37-45 of a LBSTATUS table (80), which reads on claimed "traffic log," including resource identification information on the cell site. As well as sending the said LBSTATUS table (80) and a said subscriber data packet from a said base station to a MTX, which reads on claimed "mobile switch." See column 14 lines 22-37.

Therefore, at the time of the invention it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skilled in the art to modify the teachings of Nagendran (U.S. Patent Number 6,731,940 B1) in view of Brody et al. (U.S. Patent Number 4,670,899) in order to

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provide the system a means of developing a traffic log to efficiently monitor and control the subscriber within a designated cell site.

The combination fails to specifically state that a frequency acknowledgement is sent from the said mobile device to the said entry node.

Larsson et al. discloses in column 10 lines 44-51 wherein the mobile station send and acknowledgement to the said base station in response to the base station sending a page to the said MS.

Therefore at the time of the invention it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skilled in the art to modify the teachings of Nagendran (U.S. Patent Number 6,731,940 B1) in and Brody et al. (U.S. Patent Number 4,670,899) to further include Larsson et al. (U.S. Patent Number 6,643,307) in order recognized that in response to the entry node sending information to the said mobile device, the mobile device sends an acknowledgement message back to the said entry node acknowledging the fact that the device is ready to communicate.

However, the combination fails to clearly disclose whereby identification information is extracting the location of the entry node from the resource identification information without querying a database in communication with the entry node, the database storing location information.

Cardina et al. discloses in paragraph [0171], whereby availability information, which reads on claim "location information," is obtained without querying that HLR, which reads on claim "database."

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Therefore at the time of the invention it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skilled in the art to modify the teachings of the combination to further include Cardina et al. in order to provide the location of a mobile in the received information without querying a database.

Regarding **claim 19**, Nagendran discloses a method of providing a base station (10) location information to a service provider in a wireless communication system, comprising the steps of:

- receiving a data packet from the said service provider at a said mobile device (11). See column 5 lines 57-64;
- at the base station (10), determining the location of the base station (10) based on the resource identification information. See column 5 lines 30-55;

However, Nagendran fails to clearly disclose wherein a switch, extracting the resource identification information from the traffic log.

Brody teaches in column 13 lines 37-45 of a LBSTATUS table (80), which reads on claimed "traffic log," including resource identification information on the cell site. As well as sending the said LBSTATUS table (80) and a said subscriber data packet from a said base station to a MTX, which reads on claimed "switch." See column 14 lines 22-37 and column 13 lines 37-45.

Therefore, at the time of the invention it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skilled in the art to modify the teachings of Nagendran (U.S. Patent Number 6,731,940 B1) in view of Brody et al. (U.S. Patent Number 4,670,899) in order to

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provide the system a means of developing a traffic log to efficiently monitor and control the subscriber within a designated cell site.

The combination fails to specifically state that a frequency acknowledgement is sent from the said mobile device to the said entry node.

Larsson et al. discloses in column 10 lines 44-51 wherein the mobile station send and acknowledgement to the said base station in response to the base station sending a page to the said MS.

Therefore at the time of the invention it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skilled in the art to modify the teachings of Nagendran (U.S. Patent Number 6,731,940 B1) in and Brody et al. (U.S. Patent Number 4,670,899) to further include Larsson et al. (U.S. Patent Number 6,643,307) in order recognized that in response to the entry node sending information to the said mobile device, the mobile device sends an acknowledgement message back to the said entry node acknowledging the fact that the device is ready to communicate.

However, the combination fails to clearly disclose whereby identification information is extracting the location of the entry node from the resource identification information without querying a database in communication with the entry node, the database storing location information.

Cardina et al. discloses in paragraph [0171], whereby availability information, which reads on claim "location information," is obtained without querying that HLR, which reads on claim "database."

Therefore at the time of the invention it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skilled in the art to modify the teachings of the combination to further include Cardina et al. in order to provide the location of a mobile in the received information without querying a database.

Regarding **claim 20**, as the combination of Nagendran , Brody, Larsson et al. and Cardina et al. are made, the combination according to **claim 19**, further teaches, as disclosed by Nagendran in column 6 lines 42-49, wherein at the service provider, determining the number of subscribers operating in the location in the entry.

Regarding **claim 21**, as the combination of Nagendran , Brody, Larsson et al. and Cardina et al. are made, the combination according to **claim 19**, further teaches, as disclosed by Nagendran in column 2 lines 21-25 and lines 40-42, wherein modifying of the data transmitted to the subscribers to reduce overburdening components of the said system based on the number of the subscribers operating at the said base station (10).

Regarding **claim 22**, as the combination of Nagendran , Brody, Larsson et al. and Cardina et al. are made, the combination according to **claim 19**, further teaches, as disclosed by Nagendran in column 2 lines 40-66, wherein information to the subscribers include sending commercial and non-commercial information related o an area covered by the said base station (10).

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to ***claims 1-22*** have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to RANDY PEACHES whose telephone number is (571) 272-7914. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday.

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